Shortage of skilled human and educational resources

*320. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing shortage of both skilled human resources and educational resources;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for higher education in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Availability of skilled manpower *vis-a-vis* demand varies from time to time and from skill to skill. Government endeavours to make need-based allocations for higher, technical and vocational education so as to promote skilled manpower. Besides, Boards of Secondary Education, Universities and other appropriate bodies regularly revise courses and develop new courses to meet demand for skilled manpower.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Job opportunities in non-farm sector under PMRY

2091. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to create extra job opportunities in non-farm sector under the PMRY;

(b) if so, the details thereof, especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY),

a credit-linked subsidy scheme for creation of additional employment opportunities for the educated unemployed youth in the non-farm sector, the Central Government allocates funds for subsidy, Entrepreneurial Development Training (EDT), contingencies, etc., to the individual States/ Union Territories (UTs). The Central fund for subsidy are routed through the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which, in turn, passes them on to the implementing banks for crediting the amounts to the loan accounts of individual beneficiaries. The funds for EDT, contingencies, etc., are released by the Central Government directly to the States/UTs. In the last two years, *i.e.*, 2003-04 and 2004-05, 6.88 lakh additional job opportunities, including 60,028 in Andhra Pradesh, have been created in the country under PMRY.

(c) Does not arise.

Scheme for poor villagers

†2092. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for the poor villagers so that they don't have to take loan from bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to launch any scheme from its own funds for encouraging entrepreneurs to establish rural industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. There is no such scheme of the Government in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.